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SGA hosts first town hall meeting

By: GABE GANNON

Students gathered in the conference room of Farmer Hall at 6 p.m. on Tuesday Oct. 13 for the Student Government Association's first town hall meeting. According to SGA President Jacob Gordon, these meetings offer students the chance to "come out and ask questions of the administration that is directly over these issues so they can see the changes in effect and not just hear about it from SGA."

The topics of discussion during the Tuesday meeting included campus security and the recent campus Wi-Fi conversion.

Before the start of the event, SGA members welcomed guests outside the conference room. Participants were offered pieces of paper to write down anonymous questions for University Police Chief Chadd Adams and Chief Information Officer Craig Gray to address during the assembly.

Gordon welcomed Adams to the stage first. The police chief fielded many questions from the audience, spanning a range from parking to safety tips for students.

He rapidly approached the topic of several things being done to maintain campus safety, including the consistent checks of the blue light stations around

campus and the possible addition of more lighting in the darker corners of the university.

He then tackled the recent rumors of masked men assaulting women outside of their Residence Halls.

"Absolutely no evidence indicates that this has happened," Adams firmly stated.

He mentioned any victims should come forward and report, but he otherwise stressed the University cannot control social media and that as bystanders, students should avoid putting misinformation out. He encouraged students to save UMPD's phone number. A dispatcher can be reached at any time at (205) 665-6155.

Lastly, he gave instructions on what to do in the event of an active shooter situation. Adams stressed the three steps, "run, hide and fight." These procedures can be found in greater detail on the University website.

Next, Gray took the stage and gave a state of affairs summary regarding the Wi-Fi. He echoed Adams' sentiments regarding social media, calling Yik-Yak a "fountain of misinformation."

Gray discussed what he has accomplished since he arrived



Student government President Jacob Gordon addresses the crowd of 54 at the first SGA Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

six months ago. This included updating equipment, increasing campus bandwidth by 400 percent, updating all fiber optic cables on campus from one gigabyte to 10, establishing 249 access points around campus and implementing this year-long

project in only four months.

He admitted the execution could not include a test period because of hold-ups in the setup process. This resulted in some surprises for the University's exceptionally small tech support team of seven members. "We will

keep tweaking this until we get it right," he said to the crowd.

Overall, the meeting served as a forum for 54 students to air their concerns and communicate freely.

The next town hall meeting will be held in early November.

State DMV closures hit roadblocks

By: REED STRENGTH,
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Saturday, Oct. 17, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton spoke to the Alabama Democratic Convention in Hoover about her bid for the 2016 democratic presidential nomination.

During this event, the candidate took Alabama lawmakers to task by lambasting the state's decision to close 31 offices for the Department of Motor Vehicles in rural counties.

According to CNN, Clinton called the move a "blast from the Jim Crow past." She then called for Alabama lawmakers "to not only listen to their constituents but listen to their consciences."

Ever since the closures were announced two weeks ago, civil rights advocates have labeled the move as an attack against minority voting rights.

The criticism is based around Alabama's strict voter ID Laws. A photo ID is required at the polls, and many use their driver's licenses as valid identification. Critics have also noted that the closures happen to be in several areas with large African-American populations.

Alabama Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Birmingham, went as far as to order a Department of Justice investigation into the closures a week after the announcement. In a letter to Attorney General Loretta Lynch, Sewell wrote "the closures will potentially disenfranchise Alabama's poor, elderly, disabled and black communities."

Despite the backlash, Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley has maintained that the closures are not



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton derided Alabama lawmakers for closing 31 DMV offices in rural counties during her campaign stop in Hoover, Alabama.

based on race. Bentley met with civil rights activist Jesse Jackson to discuss the decision on Thursday, Oct. 7. According to Al.com, the two agreed to meet with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency to examine the closings.

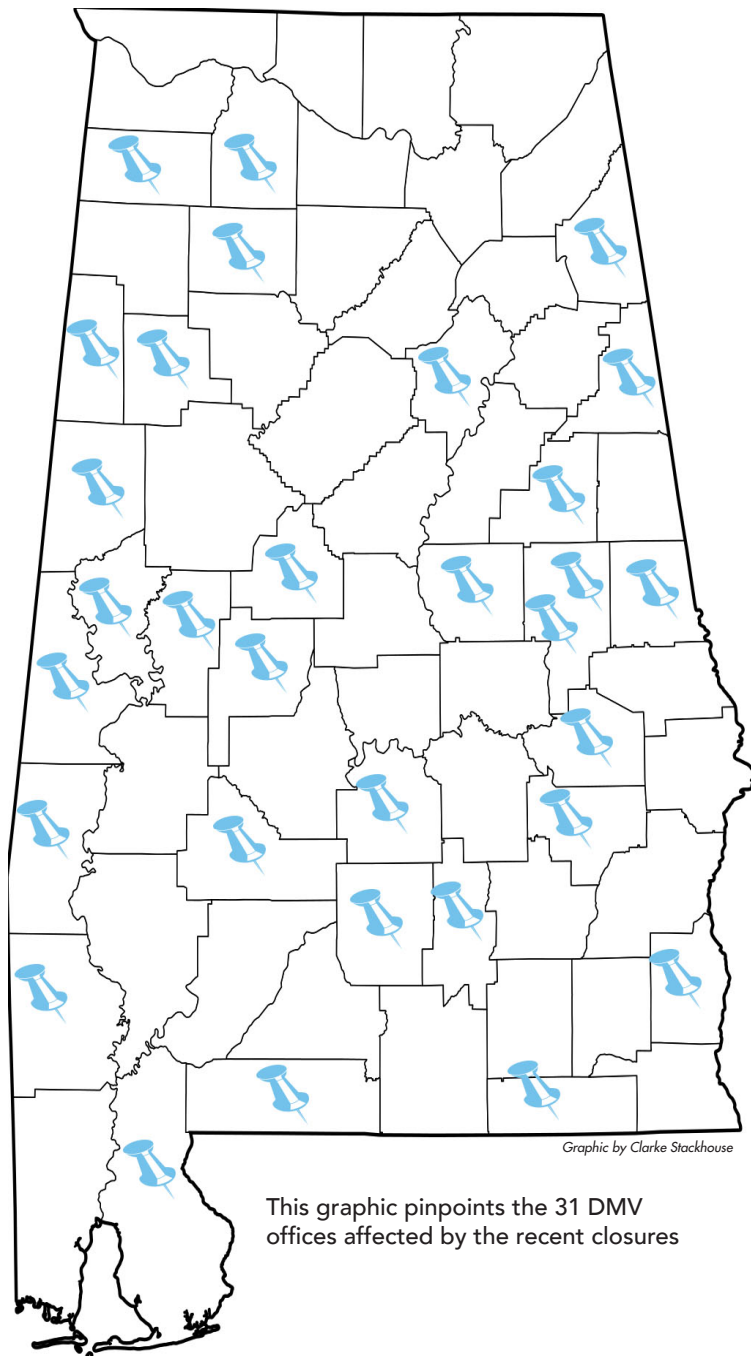
"He absolutely does not agree this is a voting issue, and he said he would never do anything to hurt the ability of Alabamians to vote, and I think he believes that in his heart," Jackson said to AL.com shortly after the meeting concluded.

On Oct. 16, the day before

Clinton's appearance, Bentley announced that an examiner would work in the affected offices once a month starting in November.

After Clinton's appearance, Bentley took to Twitter to address the candidate's comments. He criticized Clinton's knowledge of the state's budgeting process and the source of the decision.

"Meanwhile Mrs. Clinton can work to solve our country's \$18 Trillion deficit, in the unfortunate event she is elected President," read his final Tweet.



This graphic pinpoints the 31 DMV offices affected by the recent closures

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No grounds for spaghetti

By: JORDAN FORE

As a long, stressful week of school closes, one of the most welcoming ideas is a nice home-cooked meal. Coming from an Italian family, what more could I ask for than a warm bowl of comforting spaghetti? There is only one catch. I live in a residence hall.

Between safety regulations and residence hall rules, the very few kitchen appliances one can have in Brooke Hall are limited to a coffee pot, a toaster oven and one specific brand of microwave.

It was also fairly late, so there was no cafeteria to settle my hunger. But the beauty of loopholes is that there always seems to be a way to make something happen. What better tool to use to navigate through this adventure than Pinterest?

This virtual bulletin board had a complete list of items one could cook in a coffeepot, one of them being noodles. I had found my loophole.

To begin the task, I filtered 10 cups of water and filled the coffee pot with both noodles and the water. I let the coffeepot run its course and then let it sit and cook for 15 minutes.

I took the noodles out of the water, added the spaghetti sauce and fixed it in a bowl with real silverware.

I sat down and had a moment to myself smelling the delicious, welcoming meal. I



Unfortunately, making spaghetti in a coffee pots results in less than fantastic results in terms of texture.

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began to devour and found something quite unexpected. The only good comment I had was the spaghetti was edible. The noodles had the oddest texture. They were chewy and left a bizarre taste.

Feeling disappointed, I started cleaning up. I happened

to notice the date on the packet of noodles and they were over a year old. This both disgusted me and gave me a bit of hope. I decided to go get more noodles from Wal-Mart even though it was midnight.

I returned around 1 a.m. I went through the entire pro-

cess, letting them cook for 20 minutes this time, completely confident that Pinterest, my coffeepot and the new noodles surely would not fail my grumbling stomach.

I remade my bowl, sat down and began to eat it once more. The noodles, again, were

chewy and barely edible. With dampened spirits, I cleaned up again and went to bed without dinner.

That night I had a life-altering realization: cooking a home-cooked meal in a dorm room may be impossible.

Unmasking cultural appropriation

By: JAMIE HAAS

Every year during the month of October, I find myself cringing at my Facebook feed or, more specifically, at the pictures of the costumes my friends have chosen to wear to whatever various Halloween-themed parties they attend throughout the month.

When it comes to adorning themselves in offensive attire, my peers never fail me. From traditional Native American headdresses to calavera inspired makeup to straight-up blackface, it's all been on my

timeline at one point or another, and it all contributes to a phenomenon known as cultural appropriation.

Cultural appropriation can be defined as the usurping of elements of a culture by those that are not a part of that culture. It's a concept similar to how one generally doesn't wear the merchandise of a band they don't listen to but to a much more serious extent.

The issue is especially prevalent around Halloween, due in large part to the production of costumes that involve aspects belonging to a myriad of ethnic

groups. However, just because these costumes are manufactured does not mean that it's ethical to wear them.

Someone's culture or race isn't a costume for one to put on and take off at will, especially those that do not experience the ramifications of being a member of that culture. At the least, it's frustrating to witness, and at the most, it's terribly offensive.

However, the majority of those who partake in cultural appropriation likely do not do so with malicious intent. It's often an act born of ignorance

or misunderstanding.

That doesn't excuse those who participate in the act, but it does bring to light that we need to better educate ourselves about the issue.

We live in an age where information is readily available to us, and that should be taken advantage of. There is an abundance of articles already in existence that speak out about the issue, and are just one Google search away.

So when it comes to actually selecting your own Halloween costume this season, be informed and wary of get-ups

that could potentially cause discomfort to others.

If the costume belongs to a culture that is not your own, odds are you shouldn't wear it. If what you plan to wear aids in the perpetuation of stereotypes or misrepresents a culture, odds are you shouldn't wear it.

If you find yourself questioning whether your costume could be interpreted in a manner other than what you're intending, odds are you shouldn't wear it.

After all, Halloween is a holiday for candy and delight, not hurt and offense.

Let's talk about it: mental health in college

By: JASMYNE RAY, MANAGING EDITOR OF CONTENT

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, one in four students have diagnosable illnesses, but 40 percent of them don't get the help they need. The New York Times reported in May that anxiety has passed depression as the most common illness among students, but depression is still the number one reason students drop out of school.

Celebrities like Mindy Kaling, Lena Dunham, Emma Stone and Lady Gaga have been vocal about their struggles with anxiety and depression. Mental illnesses are more common than we think, but they're still a topic that no one seems to want to talk about.

"They're very personal," Marcia Hamby, a campus counselor, said. "It's hard to bring out a lot of stuff that is uncomfortable or makes you feel bad."

After four years of going untreated, I was diagnosed with depression and mild anxiety during my senior year of high school. As scary and confusing as it was, I was able to find peace in finally knowing what was wrong.

Sitting with a therapist and discussing my emotions was initially awkward, and the addition of medication was a scary obstacle that took some time to get over. However, I was able to find peace in finally knowing what was going on with me.

Some of the stigmas attached

to mental illness include thinking that the person is acting upset for attention, that they're highly emotional, that they're crazy or that they're using it as an excuse to not do something.

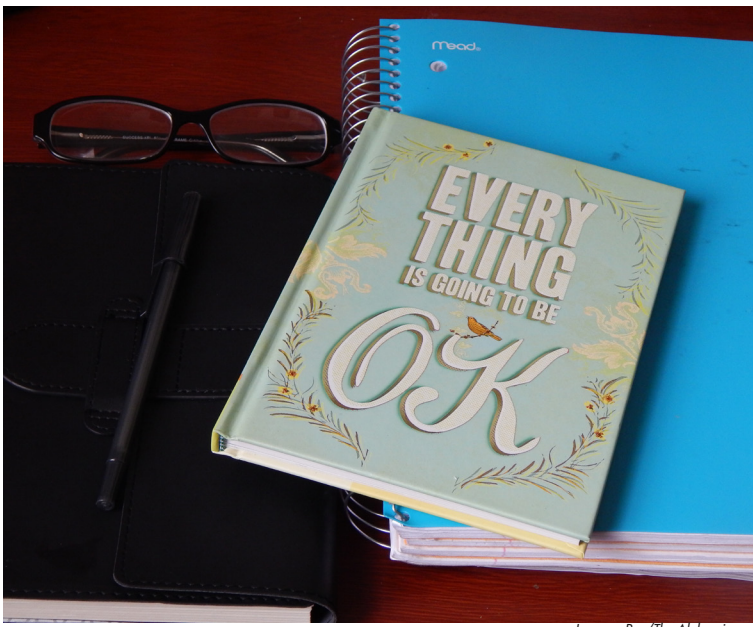
Because mental illnesses affect the individual mentally instead of physically, people think that they can't see what's wrong when they actually can. What's happening on the inside is translated to the individual's body language, the way they lose interest in things they used to love, even the way they speak.

Belle Prosser is the president of Montevallo chapter of Active Minds, an organization that focuses on college students and their mental health. Although she does not have a mental illness, she has friends who are dealing with diagnosable illnesses and found Active Minds as a way to understand what they were going through.

"If someone is diagnosed with depression, people will say 'snap out of it,'" the junior art major said. "Part of Active Minds is saying that it's not something that you can just snap out of. It doesn't actively manifest itself."

She feels that people don't talk about their issues because they feel like no one will understand or are scared to admit that they're struggling because of the reactions people will have.

"We always try to mention that it's not a group therapy or counseling session," Prosser said. "It's about raising awareness and



University counselor Marcia Hamby says college freshmen often experience grief for their old life once they arrive at college.

Jasmyne Ray/ The Alabamian

starting a conversation. You get your flu shot, so why shouldn't you take steps to make sure you aren't getting too stressed or to cope with anxiety?"

Hamby believes our generation will do a better job of ending the stigma and showing it's okay to get help if you need it. The problems with which Hamby most frequently sees students struggle involve anxiety, depression, relationships and adjusting to college life.

"College freshmen are having to grieve," she said. "They're grieving the life they left behind, the life at home with mom and dad, with their friends, their high school and all their activities."

Throughout the semester, counseling services has been hosting different "college life" workshops.

These events offer students the chance learn how to cope with homesickness, stress, figuring out one's identity and personality in college and even time management skills. The next Active Minds meeting is scheduled for Oct. 26 in Bloch 102 at 6 p.m.

If you or anyone you know is feeling overwhelmed, having problems adjusting or may be depressed, it is important to talk with someone, anyone. It will be awkward and maybe even uncomfortable at first, but it will be worth it in the end.

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By: DANIELLE STALLWORTH

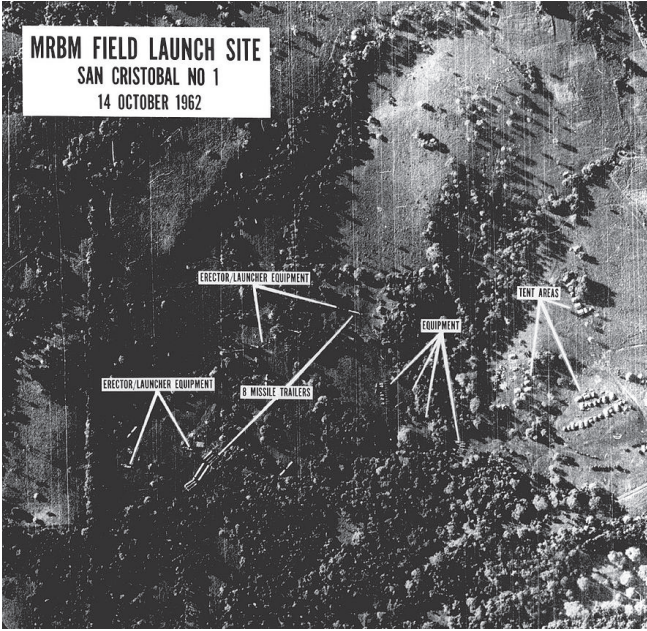
On Oct. 22, 1965, President John F. Kennedy gave a televised speech announcing that American spy planes had found Soviet missile bases in Cuba.

These missiles were discovered just 90 miles from U.S. shores and would be able to strike a number of U.S. cities.

Kennedy informed the nation of his decision to impose a naval quarantine around Cuba and expressed that the U.S. would not hesitate to use military force if needed.

For an intense period of 13 days, it seemed the world was on the brink of a nuclear war that would result in the deaths of nearly 100 million people from each country.

After having confronted



each other, Kennedy and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev made an agreement: the Soviet Union would remove the missiles in exchange for the U.S. not invading

Cuba.

These events became known as the Cuban Missile Crisis, and was a major turning point in the Cold War.

UMPD says assault rumors unfounded

By: MALIA KORTHRIGHT

The University of Montevallo Police Department addressed various rumors concerning stalking and sexual assault that had been circulating on social media and around campus on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at a public SGA forum. According to University Police Chief Chadd Adams, there have been no recent reports of any violent or suspicious behavior on campus. “I don’t even know what to tell you if you believe Yik Yak,” said Adams. “We have searched this campus over for three weeks, looking for a victim. We’ve done everything.”

However, some students still feel as if the UMPD aren’t taking their con-

cerns seriously enough. “I went to take out the trash. I live in New Res. There was a guy standing there in all black with a hoodie on. I went back in the building and from my window, I could still see him. He stayed there for over half an hour, just pacing. I don’t remember the time exactly, but it was after 9 p.m.,” said one freshman who wished to remain anonymous. “I called the police, but I didn’t see anyone come around.”

According to SGA vice president Emilee Richards, police have watched over 200 hours of surveillance and have found no evidence supporting any allegations of stalking or sexual assaults on campus. “The police are doing

everything they can,” said Richards. “I would just stay on your guard. Always use the buddy system. Be aware of your surroundings.”

“If you know of a victim or you are a victim, please come see us. We need to know,” said Adams. For those who feel uncomfortable pressing charges, Adams assures students that the UMPD will not force a student to do so.

“If you don’t want to press charges, you don’t have to. We still leave that in your hands.” If a student witnesses any violent or suspicious activity, UMPD encourages him or her to call them at (205) 665-6155 or file a report as soon as possible.



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Quick costumes for the witching hour

By: LYNNE SMITH

Quick! Need a costume that costs nothing and can be made from materials around your room? The Alabamian presents eight quick ideas to make the most of any Halloween appearance.

Brawny Paper Towel Man

For this, you need a white undershirt, a red and black checkered button down shirt, a brown belt and blue jeans. It might help to have paper towels.

Tourist

You just need a Hawaiian shirt, khakis, sandals and maybe a fanny pack. Instant costume!

Banksy Flower Thrower costume

If you want to go for a more thought-provoking costume, try this one of British graffiti artist Banksy's "Flower Thrower" piece. For this costume, you need white pants, a plain black shirt, some flowers, a black bandana and a black baseball cap.

Black Eyed Peas

For all you music fans, get another procrastinating friend and make this easy group costume. Get two t-shirts and

duct tape large P's on them. Then use black eyeshadow to darken one of your eyes, and you have a beautifully funny Black Eyed Peas costume.

Ceiling fan

This costume can be done in many variations, but the main message you've got to get through is you're a fan of ceilings. At bare minimum you could make a sign saying: "Go Ceilings!" Try pepping it up with a foam finger, a paper megaphone or maybe a pom pom or two.

American pi

For this costume, it helps to have any article of clothing imprinted with the American flag. If you don't, it's a quick fix. Just print one off and tape it to a shirt. Now, you need to write "pi" somewhere on yourself or your shirt. If you don't wish to write on yourself or ruin a shirt, just write as many digits as possible on a piece of paper and tape it on.

Ironic no costume

This is a funny, simple



(L to R) Warning: Attending a Halloween event as American Pi or a Black Eyed Pea could result in immediate groans from those around you.

costume that should be easily recognized by anyone who has been on the Internet. Again, this can be done multiple ways. One way is to just tape the phrase "Error 404 Costume Not Found" on a white t-shirt. If you print it, just make sure it's large enough to read.

Nudist on strike

This is by far the easiest costume. All you need is a piece of paper on which to write "Nudist on Strike." Just carry it around and you've got an instant costume.

On the bricks

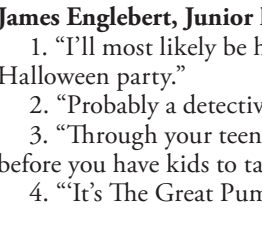
with Madison Griggs

1. What are your Halloween plans?
2. What are you dressing up as?
3. How old is too old to go trick or treating?
4. What's your favorite Halloween movie?



Nick Davis, Senior marketing major

1. "I'll probably go to a bar or go to a costume party."
2. "I don't know yet. It's going to be a last minute thing probably."
3. "15-16, whenever you can drive."
4. "Friday the 13th, something pretty generic like that."



James Englebert, Junior history major

1. "I'll most likely be home, but I plan on going to the BCM Halloween party."
2. "Probably a detective, but it's not set in stone."
3. "Through your teen years. You should probably take a break before you have kids to take trick or treating."
4. "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."



Jordan Geeslin, Sophomore history major

1. "I'll probably go to a Halloween party. If not I'll go home and go trick or treating with my nephews."
2. "A ninja turtle. I'll probably be the purple one."
3. "You're never too old. My mom's 50 and she still goes."
4. "Hocus Pocus."



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<p>Thursday, October 22</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Psychology Club Bake Sale The Caf</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Delta Gamma Anchor Splash SAC</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Nosferatu Silent Film/Live Music Eclipse Coffee and Books</p> <p>Friday, October 23</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Psychology Club Bake Sale The Caf</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Ruckzuck performance Eclipse Coffee and Books</p> <p>10:00 p.m. Alpha Party Student Retreat</p> <p>Saturday, October 24</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Future Primitives performance Eclipse Coffee and Books</p>	<p>Monday, October 26</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spectrum Movie Night Farmer Hall Meeting Room</p> <p>Tuesday, October 27</p> <p>6:00 p.m. UPC Haunted House Attraction Bibb Graves Gymnasium</p> <p>Wednesday, October 28</p> <p>6:00 p.m. FIJI's Costume Catwalk Palmer Auditorium</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Student Art Association Meeting Bloch 202</p> <p>Thursday, October 29</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Lambda Chi Pumpkin Fest King Quad</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Montevallo Young Democrats Meeting Farmer Hall Meeting Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. BCM Halloween Party Baptist Campus Ministry</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Hell House Hill House</p> <p>10:15 p.m. Pretty Fright Night 2 Student Retreat</p> <p>Monday, November 2</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Basketball Coaches' Meeting Farmer Hall Meeting Room</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Phi Mu Cornhole Classic Myrick Gym</p> <p>Wednesday, November 4</p> <p>5:00 p.m. UPC Stuff A Friend The Caf</p> <p>7:45 p.m. Chi Alpha Bible Study Comer Auditorium</p> <p>8:00 Student Art Association Meeting Bloch 202</p> <p>Thursday, November 5</p> <p>6:00 p.m. AKL Philanthropy Event Palmer Hall</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Dr. Patton vs. The World Farmer Hall Stage Area</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Monday-Thursday</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Intramural Ultimate Frisbee Intramural Fields</p> <p>Mondays</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Amnesty International Meeting UMOM 220</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Montevallo Honors Organization Meetings Ramsay Hall Classroom</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Spectrum (GSA) Meetings Farmer Hall Meeting Room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Korean Culture Club Meeting Reynolds 226</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Anime Clube Meeting Harman 119</p>	<p>Tuesdays</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Resonate Worship Service Baptist Campus Ministry</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Secular Student Alliance Meeting Morgan-Comer Commuter Lodge</p> <p>Wednesdays</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Cafe Escape Baptist Campus Ministry</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance Meeting Reynolds 226</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Chess Club Meeting Hill House Classroom</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Whovian Society Meeting Comer 205</p> <p>Thursdays</p> <p>6:30 p.m. University of Montevallo Cosplay Association Meeting Comer 308</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Harry Potter Club Meeting Comer 205</p>
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Fashion on the bricks

By: JASMYNE RAY, MANAGING EDITOR OF CONTENT

When you think of menswear, button up shirts and trousers come to mind. In reality, menswear matches womenswear in that the same amount of craftsmanship, or rather tailorship, goes into each inseam and shirt sleeve. However, there are some shortcomings.

“We have business wear, we have athletic wear and we have casual wear,” sophomore art major Austin Frame said. “We don’t really have any in between.”

Despite menswear’s limited options, Frame and fellow sophomore art major Joey Contorno make the best of it, always dressing in style.

Both guys described their style as casual but with their own personal twists: Contorno loves patterns while Frame prefers a touch of vintage.

“I look at the weather and dress accordingly,” Contorno said when asked how he picks out his ensembles. On most days, Contorno can be seen wearing shorts with patterned sweaters or hoodies. He sticks to Target for the sweaters and hoodies and J.C. Penney for



(LtoR): Joey Contorno and Austin Frame display their vintage casual fashion sense.

shorts.

“There’s not really a word for the fashion I wear,” Frame said. “It’s like semiformal mixed with casual lounge wear.”

Frame also looks to Target for his wardrobe but dabbles in H&M and thrift store finds as well. When thrifting, Frame looks for shoes and jackets. The criteria for a perfect thrift store find?

“Condition, color, aesthetic,” Frame said.

ArtStalk returns to Main Street

By: REED STRENGTH, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Oct. 31, the monsters are due on Main Street. The Halloween themed iteration of Art Walk will return to Montevallo starting around 2 p.m. and concluding around 6 p.m. The event, now in its fourth year, is a collaborative arts festival among the city of Montevallo, the University and the Montevallo Arts Council.

Approximately 60 artists and vendors are signed up to sell a range of crafts, jewelry, pottery and books from booths lining Main Street and the University Promenade . The afternoon will also feature live art demonstrations from University professor Collin William and chainsaw artist Bobby “Bear” Jones. Several Montevallo affiliated musicians will also hit the streets to perform covers and original

material.

Additionally, University alumna Andrea Dillingham of the Freakettes will perform a fire dancing routine.

Attendees are also encouraged to dress up in their most original costumes to win a contest.

The street party is an attempt to raise support for local businesses and connect the University and city together.

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Guest illusionist casts spell over Palmer

By: MADISON GRIGGS

Dedicated fans and curious non-believers gathered in Palmer Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m., anxious and ready to be amazed. The performer was Ben Seidman, noted in the entertainment world for his work on the TV show “Criss Angel Mindfreak.”

He also won the Entertainer of the Year award from Princess Cruises and served as the Resident Magician at Las Vegas’ Mandalay Bay. His credentials alone were enough to get the crowd buzzing and excited for him to start the show.

Seidman opened with a few jokes, working in sleight of hand tricks seamlessly and eliciting steady laughter from the audience. He was at ease on stage, and this made audience participation lively and fun. One could tell something impressive was about to happen every time Seidman said his catchphrase of the night: “This is where it gets weird.”

Before the show, he’d asked everyone who didn’t believe in magic to raise their hands, and his tricks shocked even those skeptics. “They

should be skeptical,” he said, “They shouldn’t think that I believe that I have magical powers, because I don’t, but they should not ask how I do a trick. They should ask why I do a trick.”

A steady stream of “oohs” and “ahs” followed his every move. The students up front were especially enthralled, and a few found him after the show to demonstrate their own tricks and ask him for his coveted magician’s secret.

He told outrageous stories that had the crowd roaring with laughter and involved enough members of the audience in his tricks that people began murmuring to each other, trying to decipher how he’d pulled it off.

He revered magic as an art, something at which to work hard and to spark intrigue, and though he was light-hearted, Seidman made it clear that he takes his job very seriously. “I think that magic is extremely important. As we start to learn more and more about the world around us, less things become magic, and we get jaded ... I think it’s really important as adults to have magical moments ... because it makes us better people.”



Celebrity illusionist Ben Seidman tricks student Cashmere Clinton with a sleight of hand tissue trick.

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Before the show began, Seidman had set a box to the side of the stage. He ended the show by opening it to reveal several pieces from earlier tricks, most of which had

relied on audience answers which caused everyone to gasp in unison.

Overall, the night held all that was promised: dropped jaws, laughter and wonderment. The

only thing missing was a sequin-clad assistant being sawn in half, but this wasn’t your stereotypical magic show. It was Ben Seidman’s.

ADPi hosts first Mini Masters Golf Tournament for a good cause

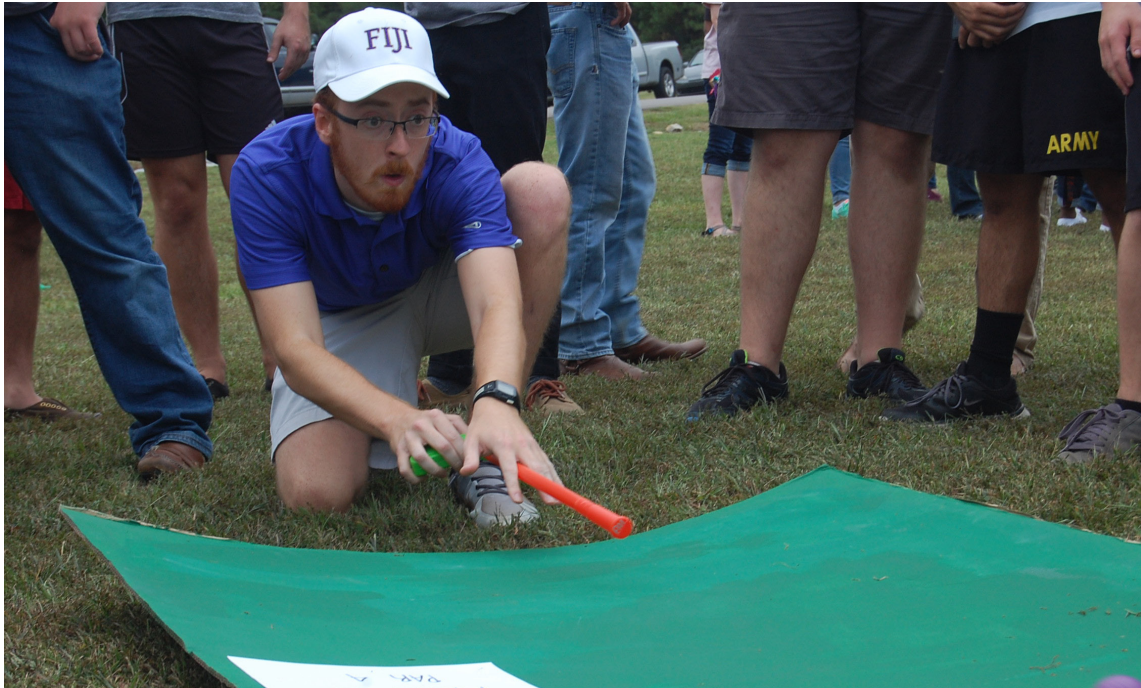
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On Monday, Oct. 5, campus panhellenic sorority Alpha Delta Pi (ADPi) hosted their first Mini Masters Golf Tournament. The event consisted of playable mini golf holes both constructed and decorated by ADPi members, as well as a driving range competition. Campus sororities and fraternities, as well as a team representing purple side, competed against one another for a \$50 check to donate to the philanthropy of their choice.

Each hole was themed around fun facts involving ADPi. One hole featured their mascot, Alpie the lion. Another was decorated with an ornately painted 1851 on the front, the year in which ADPi was founded.

The fraternity winner was Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) who intend to donate their prize money to the United Service Organization (USO), a nonprofit organization whose main objective is providing services to United States troops and their families.

Sorority winner, Alpha Gamma Delta, will be contributing their winnings to the Alpha Gamma



FIJI member Kevin Britt urges his ball on as it edges to the hole during ADPi's first Mini Masters Golf Tournament.

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Delta Foundation which promotes diabetes research and awareness.

Although this was the first time ADPi has hosted this particular event, many of those in attendance expressed their enjoyment of it. Senior and Alpha Gamma Delta member Kayley Cook was

particularly impressed with the creativity involved in putting the occasion together. “The obstacles were difficult enough so that they posed a challenge, but it was also really friendly competition,” Cook said.

The purpose of the tournament

was to raise funds for ADPi’s own philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House, an organization that provides homes for families so that they can live close to their hospitalized children for little to no cost. Through ticket sales alone, the organization raised over \$300.

College cuisine Iron Chef grilled cheese



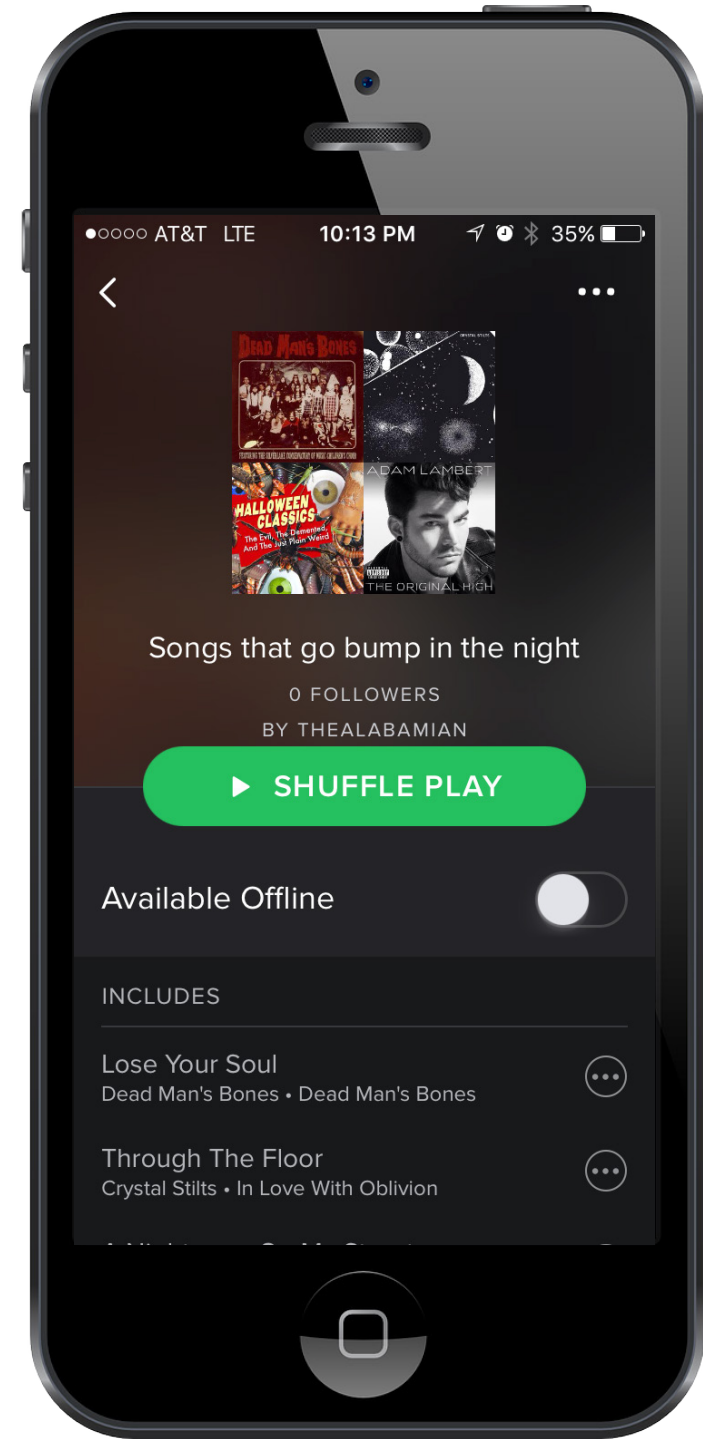
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Start to finish: About a minute
Servings: 1
2 slices of bread
2 slices of cheese
1 tablespoon butter

Butter one side of each slice of bread. Add the cheese between the two unbuttered sides of the bread.

Wrap the sandwich in tin foil and add heat with the clothes iron set on medium heat. Carefully unwrap the sandwich once heat has been distributed throughout.



Spotify Playlist

“Lose Your Soul”- Dead Man’s Bones

This supernatural single showcases actor Ryan Gosling as a man of many talents ... or maybe just a guy obsessed with all things creepy. Joined by bandmate Zach Shields and the Silverlake Conservatory Children’s Choir, Gosling creates one spooktastic Halloween jam. The song features Gosling crooning “You’re gonna lose your soul tonight” over a hand-clap beat while accompanied by a haunting meld of children’s voices. Who could ask for more from their Halloween soundtrack?

“Through the Floor”- Crystal Stilts

This rock n’ roll boogie is perfect for any authentic haunted house party. Singer Brad Hargrett’s disembodied wail warns of “figures forming” while a throwback guitar riff and organ roar behind him. Keep it bumping well into the night.

“A Nightmare on My Street”- DJ Jazzy Jeff and The Fresh Prince

A shining example of cheesy holiday music, Fresh Prince Will Smith raps us through his experience with one of the season’s spooky film offerings. The Prince catches the scary flick with his buddies but goes home to discover Freddy Krueger has come to his street. With unbelievable lines like “I’m your DJ now, Princey,” this song wraps up all the corny elements of Halloween into one sweetly sour package.

“Ghost Town”- Adam Lambert

In this track, former American Idol contestant Adam Lambert rasps his way through the verses, building up to the fast-paced electronic beat of the chorus. With its somber lyrics and chilling verberb, this song is the perfect addition to an eerie October night.

“I Was a Teenage Werewolf”- The Cramps

Back in the ‘70s, The Cramps were one of the first bands to blend punk and rockabilly together to form its psychotic twin brother: psychobilly. This classic cut features guitarist Poison Ivy ripping into a blood-thirsty riff while husband Lux Interior unleashes animal wails and growls. Just wait until the gloriously ferocious blues breakdown at the track’s midpoint.

“Wolf Like Me”- TV on the Radio

From the song’s sinister opening sounds, TV on the Radio delivers a song that will get you in the mood for Halloween. The chant-like nature of the chorus contributes to the chilling feeling that something is out there ... and it wants your blood for the cause. Put this on for a jam that will carry you well into the hallowed eve - you’ll be howlin’ forever.

“Planet Caravan”- Black Sabbath

On this metal classic, the normally muddled, weezy howl of British rock giant Ozzy Osbourne becomes a cosmically-transmog-

rified vehicle for a three-minute exhaustive meditation about alien encounters. Meanwhile, Tony Iommi’s crystal clear licks bring the spook.

“Shoots and Ladders”- Korn

Who doesn’t love a creepy compilation of throwbacks to get them prepped for Halloween? This haunting mesh of nursery rhymes and childhood chants sends chills up and down my spine with every rattle and hum of the guitar and vocals.

“Teddy Bear”- Melanie Martinez

Remember that teddy bear you had when you were a kid? Your once cuddly confidant has returned with a vengeance in this trip-hop track. In an interview with music website Ground-sounds, Martinez explained that the song is about a teddy bear trying to kill her. Better think twice before you toss out your stuffed friends.

“(Don’t Fear) The Reaper”- Blue Oyster Cult

This song represents the transformation of both the seasons and of humans on the night of Halloween. The steady rock beat paired with a voice that contains gentle melancholy speaks of the transitory nature of time and of fear itself. The hard rocking section in the middle encourages listeners to run wild through the night then return to the inevitable familiarity of daily routine as the main theme resumes - you are back, but your experience remains.